

**CHAPTER NO. 88**

**SENATE BILL NO. 173**

**By Fowler, Rochelle**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 269

By Sharp

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-127, relative to voter registration records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-127, is amended by deleting the punctuation "." and by adding the following new language:

; provided a registrar shall make a reasonable effort to redact a person's social security number from a record before such record is made available to any person other than the holder of the number if such record is stored in a computer readable format on the effective date of this act. When such records are first stored in computer readable format or when changes are made to any computer program that stores or accesses records, a registrar shall redact a person's social security number from a record before such record is made available to any person other than the holder of the number. The Coordinator of Elections shall also redact the social security number before making any voter registration records available to the public.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-127, is amended by designating the existing language, as amended, as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection:

(b) Nothing in the preceding subsection shall be construed to prohibit an agency of a state, county, or municipal office from using a person's social security number for internal purposes or to prohibit a county election commission and its staff from using a person's social security number for enforcement of the election law as provided in this title, and nothing in the preceding subsection shall be construed to limit the public's access to that record.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 25, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April 1999

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR